

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. An ink container comprising:

a casing having a substantially rectangular
shape;

5 a plurality of ink accommodating portions
defined by partition in said casing;

ink supply ports provided, in a bottom side
of said casing, for said ink accommodating portions,
respectively;

10 wherein said ink container is detachably
mountable to a holder provided with a recording head
portion for ejecting ink accommodated in said ink
accommodating portion,

15 wherein said plurality of ink supply ports
are disposed deviated toward one of long edge of the
bottom side; and a plurality of dimple portions in
which said supply ports are formed, respectively, and
said dimples are cut away and open adjacent to said
one of edges.

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2. An ink container according to Claim 1,
further comprising mounting engageable members at
respective positions such as to interpose said
plurality of supply ports therebetween, wherein as
seen from a top of said ink container, a phantom
straight line connecting centers of said mounting
engageable members crosses with all of said plurality

of supply ports.

3. An ink container according to Claim 2,
wherein one of said mounting engageable members
5 includes an engaging claw provided on a side surface
of said casing, and the other is an engaging claw
provided on a lever extending from said casing, and
wherein such one of ink supply ports as is closest to
said engaging claw provided on said side surface of
10 said casing is deviated toward said partition.

4. An ink container according to Claim 1,
wherein each of said ink accommodating portion
includes an air vent for fluid communication between
15 inside of said ink accommodating portions and an
ambience, a first liquid retaining member in the form
of a sheet which extends on an inner bottom surface of
said casing substantially along an inner configuration
of the bottom surface and which is capable of being
20 abutted by an external member through said ink supply
port; a second liquid retaining member closely
contacted to said first liquid retaining member to
supply the ink therefrom to said first liquid
retaining member, wherein said first liquid retaining
25 member has a liquid retaining force which is larger
than that of said second liquid retaining member.

5. An ink container according to Claim 4,
wherein with said ink container mounted to a holder,
said first and second liquid retaining members are
maintained deformed by an ink receiving tube provided
5 in the holder.

6. An ink container according to Claim 4,
wherein said first liquid retaining member is a
lamination member of fibers, and a laminating
10 direction of the lamination member is substantially
the same as an abutting direction of the external
member.

7. An ink container according to Claim 6,
15 wherein a main axial direction of most of the fibers
constituting said laminated fiber, is substantially
along a longitudinal direction of the surface of said
casing having said liquid supply port.

20 8. An ink jet recording head comprising a holder
for detachably holding an ink container as defined in
Claim 1 and a recording head portion for receiving the
ink from said ink container held in said holder and
for ejecting ink droplets.

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9. An ink jet recording apparatus, comprising a
carriage for detachably carrying said ink jet

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recording head as defined in Claim 9, wherein the ink droplets are ejected from said ink jet recording head onto a recording material to effect recording on the recording material.

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